



Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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WINTER HOLIDAY AVOID DUI CAMPAIGN – SECOND MONDAY UPDATE

DUI Arrests Down & DUI Fatalities Down

The Winter Holiday Anti-DUI crackdown has resulted in more DUI arrests from local routine traffic enforcement and special Avoid the 30 DUI deployments in Riverside County.

From 12:01 AM, Friday, December 14, 2012, through Midnight, Sunday, December 23, 2012, officers representing 30 Riverside County law enforcement agencies have arrested 304 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2011, 400 DUI arrests occurred during the same ten (10) day time period.

(NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with some agencies yet to report**)**

There were no DUI deaths over the past ten days. Last year, there were three alcohol-related deaths during this same time period.

All regularly scheduled traffic and patrol officers will focus efforts at stopping and arresting DUI drivers during their normal shifts. Multiple DUI/driver's license checkpoints, multi-agency DUI task force operations and roving DUI patrols are all part of this region-wide crackdown during the 19-day Winter Holiday Campaign.

Police officers, sheriff deputies and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer: **Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911!** Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. DUI arrest data collection will continue through Tuesday, January 1, 2013.

Media Notes: To schedule an interview regarding anti-drunk driving efforts, or to request a ride-along with law enforcement during the holiday period, please contact Sergeant Skip Showalter at 951.351.6046 or via email at sshowalter@riversideca.gov

For Riverside County Avoid the 30 program information and results, visit avoidthe30.org or [facebook.com/Avoidthe30](https://www.facebook.com/Avoidthe30). The California Office of Traffic Safety and the Avoid the 30 Task Force remind everyone to please – **Report Drunk Driving – Call 9-1-1!**

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